

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

September 13, 2004, 2004

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
William Alston, V. Chairman
Shaun Hayes, Member
Charles Moss, Treasurer

Others Present:

Barton Roberson, DC
Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Danielle Thomas, Soil Con.
Bob Abell, Soil Con. Tech.
John Hill, Soil Con. Tech.
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer
Jerry Dorsett, Reg. Coord.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. Alston welcomed everyone to the meeting. Travel vouchers were signed and returned.

A new Agenda was presented with an addition of a report from Jerry Dorsett, DENR.

ACTION ITEMS:

The August 9, 2004 Minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Hayes moved, seconded by Moss, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of August 9, 2004.

At this time Alston turned the meeting over to Chairman Craig Frazier.

Moss presented the Treasurer's Report. Alston moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Roberson gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- EQIP – 13 contracts were approved for a total of \$260,790.
- TSP's – Two producers are being evaluated by engineer through government contracts and one producer has selected a TSP to complete work.
- Discussion was had regarding the next Stakeholders Meeting. A date and time needs to be set for this meeting. After the Stakeholders meeting is held there will need to be a local workgroup meeting to discuss the findings.
- Bob Bell gave a brief update on the Wetland Determinations being done in the County.
- Danielle Thomas reported that letters have gone out to producers regarding status reviews. The producer has 30 days to respond on whether or not they choose to participate in the review.

Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- An application for Thurman Jessup was presented to the board for information. He is requesting funding for a drystack. This application will be presented during the October Board Meeting pending the producer's signature.
- An application for Frank Macon was presented for approval. He is requesting funding for an incinerator. Alston moved, seconded by Moss, the board voted unanimously to approve this application.
- An application for Ronnie Smith was presented for approval. He is requesting funding for a drystack, incinerator, and critical area. Alston moved, seconded by Hayes, discussion followed, after the discussion the board voted unanimously to approve this application.

-An application for Donald Parrish, III was presented for approval. He is requesting funding for a drystack, composter or incinerator, and roof runoff management. Parrish has certified that he is a New Farmer. Due to Frazier being related to Mr. Parrish, Frazier will abstain from voting. Alston moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously to approve this application.

-An application for James Chriscoe was presented for approval. He is requesting funding for a heavy use feeding/watering area. Mr. Chriscoe has certified that he is a Limited Resource Farmer. Hayes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve this application.

-An application for Wayne Simmons was presented for approval. He is requesting funding for a drystack. Due to items #3 and #4 not being answered on the application, the board decided to vote on this application during the October board meeting after those items listed above are completed.

-A 6 month contract extension request for David Coble, contract #76-03-08-02 was presented to the board for approval. Moss moved, Hayes seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve a 6 month contract extension until October 10, 2004 for David Coble, contract #76-03-08-02 due to the absence of a NCACSP technician during the time his contract would have expired on April 10, 2004. Mr. Coble will need to have 1/3 of his work complete by the October 10, 2004 deadline.

-A 6 month contract extension request for Billy Ferree, contract #76-03-10-02 was presented to the board for approval. Whitaker reported that she had attempted to contact Mr. Ferree, but has not received a response back from him. Hayes moved, seconded by Moss, the board voted unanimously to approve a 6 month contract extension until October 1, 2004 for Billy Ferree, contract #76-03-10-02 due to the absence of a NCACSP technician during the time his contract would have expired on . Mr. Ferree will need to have 1/3 of his work completed by October 1, 2004 deadline.

-A six month contract extension request for Frank Macon, contract #76-03-12-02 was presented to the board for approval. Hayes moved, seconded by Moss, the board voted unanimously to approve a six month contract extension until October 1, 2004 for Frank Macon, contract #76-03-12-02 due to

Mr. Macon will need to have 1/3 of his work completed by October 1, 2004 deadline.

-Whitaker reported that she contacted Joe Capps, contract #76-03-09-02 to see if he wishes to ask for a 6 month contract extension and Mr. Capps stated that he wishes to withdraw his contract. He is no longer interested.

-Howard Jones, contract #76-02-01-02, will need to go before the Soil and Water Commission to request this contract be extended past its expiration date to remain active allowing for payment of the last practice. This contract extension request will need to be presented by a supervisor during the Commission Meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2005. Alston moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously for Frazier, along with a staff person, to attend the Commission Meeting to present the contract extension request for Howard Jones, contract #76-02-01-02. The letter to the Commission stating the details of extension request is attached to these minutes.

-Whitaker presented contract #76-05-01-16 for Mike Morgan to the board for approval. Morgan's contract #76-04-13-16 was not processed appropriately due to the lack of a NCACSP technician during the time of presenting it to the Division. Hayes moved, seconded by Moss, the board voted unanimously to rescind Mike Morgan contract #76-04-13-16 and approve Mike Morgan contract #76-05-01-16 for the same practices as the 2004 contract and to send a letter of explanation along with the 2005 contract. The 2005 contract will be the first funded with the 2005 allocation.

-Whitaker presented the new definitions of New and Limited Resource Farmer to the board for their information. Discussion was had regarding revising the ranking system to accommodate new or limited resource farmers. It was decided not to change the NCACSP ranking system at this time for Randolph County.

-Whitaker presented 3 new practices for PY 2005 for the NCACSP as follows:

- >Nutrient Scavenger Cover Crop Incentive
- >Livestock Feeding Area
- >Ag Road Repair/Stabilization

- Whitaker reported that she is exploring new ways to reach out to under-represented groups. A mass mailing along with NRCS is possible. This mailing would include information about the NCACSP program as well as all NRCS programs. More information will follow at a later date.
- Eight spot checks remain to be completed.

Whitaker gave the Community Conservation Report as follows:

- Whitaker has met with the following municipalities and listed are her findings from their needs assessment:
 - >City of Asheboro – Streams in the city limits are of concern – flooding and eroding. City Easements were also discussed as a possibility. Community outreach/education programs, greenways, water quality of ponds following a rain event, and Bobby Kivett is putting together a list of homeowners with problems.
 - >Town of Staley – Potable water quality is extremely poor and septic system failures in one area.
- The Piedmont Triad Council of Government has recommended Whitaker attend workshops on the Rocky River Project funded through Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP), studying the Open Space Plan for the Haw River funded through CWMTF, and investigate needs of waters in Randolph County on the Impaired List (303d) – Muddy Creek, Haskett Creek, Rocky River, Uwharrie River, and Deep River.
- Tom's Creek Nursery has met with Whitaker and Roberson seeking the assistance in obtaining funding for construction, not planning, of an environmental tourism project on their farm. Discussion was had regarding the role of Randolph SWCD – should RSWCD write the selected grant for them for a percentage of the grant, and/or assist them with writing the grant on an hourly basis, etc. Tom's Creek Nursery will be discussed during the October Board Meeting further.
- Whitaker reported that she met with Julie Henshaw, the new Community Conservationist with the Division of Soil and Water, and with Jerry Dorsett regarding other Community Conservation ideas. The following are ideas that were discussed:
 - >A Clean Water Contractor Workshop
 - >Assist municipalities with erosion control inspection of problem sites
 - >Backyard Conservation Workshops and/or Literature Dispersement
 - >Stream bank clean up projects
 - >Storm drainage stenciling projects
 - >Prepare a survey for municipalities and civic groups to gather ideas of what programs they would be interested in assisting with
 - >The State is working on similar project modules that can be tailored to fit each individual District.

There was no RC&D Report at this time.

The Randolph SWCD received an invitation to attend the 2004 North Carolina Conservation Farm Family Award Ceremony on Tuesday, September 21, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at the Thomas & Michael "Mickey" T. Clayton Farm in Person County. Parks has been asked to assist with this event.

The NACD President's Association is sponsoring a fund raising raffle again this year for \$1,000 Cash Prize. The tickets are \$5.00 donation and the drawing will be at the NACD Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA in February 2005.

The National Conservation District Employees Association Update was presented for information. Items covered in this update include:

- >An update on the NCDEA's President's Activities.

>NCDEA is now selling raffle tickets for a 2005 Harley Davidson Motorcycle. Proceeds from the sales will support the NCDEA Son Aron Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$10 each and 6 tickets for \$50. The winning ticket will be drawn during the NACD Annual Meeting in February.

>Districts will have the opportunity once again to order/purchase new computers like those being purchased by USDA at about the government contract price. Available will be a standard mid-range workstation, a high-end workstation and a laptop with a docking station. Further information will follow as it becomes available. The purchase of a laptop was discussed.

>District Email migration is nearly complete. Most conservation district employees co-located in USDA Service Centers have been "migrated" to the new USDA Exchange email servers and have new email addresses.

Jerry Dorsett was in attendance and gave a Division of Soil and Water Report as follows:

-Don Thompson, Supervisor from Montgomery SWCD, is doing well. Dorsett has seen Don and things are going good for him.

-Dorsett shared a brochure that Johnsie Hayes, Rockingham SWCD, has prepared to market her Soil and Water Contests.

-Dorsett was in attendance today to complete a matching funds audit. The two items covered on the audit are 1) how matching funds were spent during the past fiscal year (by amount and category); and 2) what the district would spend money for, if matching funds can be increased above the current amount of \$4,000 per year. The Financial Need Items were covered during the board meeting; Parks and Dorsett will complete Fund Expended for PY 2003-2004 following the board meeting.

-Dorsett reported that the Area 3 Fall Meeting packets will be mailed out in the near future.

-Representatives for the standing committees during the Annual Meeting were discussed.

The following consent items were approved:

-Employee weekly logs

-September & October Calendars

-NACD News & Views

-Conserve Carolina – Conservation Trust for North Carolina

-NC Soil & Water Commission Minutes of July 20, 2004

-RSWCD Annual Report - Final

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be October 11, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.
Golden Corral Restaurant
Asheboro, NC 27203